

The holiday season, traditionally a high fatality period, affords us the opportunity to join even more emphatically in a concerted national commitment to reduce the threat of drunken and drugged drivers on our highways.

Collisions involving drunken drivers are the nation's single greatest killer of young people. This holiday season we can give our children a great gift by doing everything we can to keep the drinking driver and the drug-user off our roads. Let us all observe *safety* and celebrate *safely*, and let us remember that the safety belt in our car can be our best defense against drunken and drugged drivers.

Ante, p. 1643.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in accordance with Senate Joint Resolution 241 (Public Law 97-343), do hereby proclaim the week beginning December 12, 1982, as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. I call upon each of you to observe this week with appropriate activities in your homes, offices, schools, and communities. I ask all Americans to join in a national campaign to eliminate drunken and drugged driving and to prevent tragedy from intruding on our joyful holiday season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13th day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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Proclamation 5006 of December 16, 1982

World Communications Year 1983: Development of Communications Infrastructures

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

The United Nations' General Assembly has proclaimed 1983 World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures. Its purpose is to stimulate accelerated worldwide development of communications infrastructures and to provide an opportunity for all countries to undertake an in-depth review and analysis of their policies on communications development.

Communications systems have taken on an increasingly vital role in every facet of economic, political, and social progress. While there have been remarkable advances in both this technology and its applications—ranging from health care, education, and banking transactions to weather observations and earth resource location—many nations have not been able to benefit appreciably from these capabilities.

Through partnership of United States private businesses, in cooperation with the International Telecommunication Union, we have an opportunity to promote the well-being of people around the globe. I encourage the United States communications industry—with its position of world leadership in this technology—to actively and voluntarily support this effort to stimulate the development of communications infrastructures in all nations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in keeping with the goals of the World Communications Year, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim 1983 as World Communications Year: Development of Communications Infrastructures, in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of Dec., in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

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Proclamation 5007 of December 17, 1982

Fiorello H. La Guardia Memorial Day

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

December 11, 1982, marked the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Fiorello H. La Guardia, affectionately known as The Little Flower, who served with great distinction for twelve years in the United States House of Representatives and then for ten years as Mayor of New York City.

With his vast energy, fiery leadership, and considerable wisdom, Mr. La Guardia contributed greatly to the betterment of the United States and New York City, in the finest tradition of public service. He was first elected to Congress in 1916 and served with distinction in that body from 1917 to 1919 and from 1923 to 1933. In 1933, Mr. La Guardia was elected Mayor of New York City, and he guided the City through the difficult days of the Depression and the early years of World War II. To this day, New York City bears strong testament to the vision and determination that marked Mr. La Guardia's administration.

Mr. La Guardia's many accomplishments, and the honesty and fairness which characterized his work, continue to serve as a benchmark against which other careers in public service are judged, and as an inspiration to all Americans, particularly those who share his Italian heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, pursuant to a joint resolution of the Congress, do hereby declare December 11, 1982, as "Fiorello H. La Guardia Memorial Day", and I call upon all the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN